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PATENT APPLICATION

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Attorney Docket No. 00689-514 (A065US)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Pepinsky et al. ANTS :

EXAMINER: 09/832,658 NUMBER :

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the November 7, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on February 7, 2002. A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 00689-514 (A065US). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted.

Date: February 5, 2002

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